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SUMMARY: INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP HELD TWO MEETINGS JULY 27 IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON MNC RESOLUTION, WORKING BASICALLY ON THE G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION (E/AC.6/L.556) AND THE US AMENDMENTS THERETO (L.557). WHILE PROGRESS MADE IN RESOLVING A NUMBER OF POINTS, VARIOUS IMPORTANT ISSUES STILL OUTSTANDING. CONTACT GROUP MEETS AGAIN JULY 29. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING IS RUNDOWN OF STATUS OF DRAFT TEXTS AT CONCLUSION JULY 27 MEETINGS.

2. (A) PREAMBULAR PARA 2: US ATTEMPT CHANGE "RECALLING" TO "NOTING" FAILED. PARA REMAINS AS IN L.556 WITH ADDITION OF " INCLUDING THEIR PROVISIONS RELATING TO MULTINATION CORPORATIONS". (B) PREAMBULAR PARA 3: US PROPOSAL TO CHANGE UNCLASSIFIED

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"RECALLING FURTHER" TO "NOTING FURTHER" WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY

G-77. ISSUE REMAINS PENDING. (C) PREAMBULAR PARA 5: AGREEMENT REACHED THAT "SHOULD BE ORIENTED" SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH "SHOULD CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY". THE PHRASE "OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" IS DELETED. AS REPORTED REF B, G-77 CONTINUED TO HOLD TO PHRASE "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER", SOVIETS MOVED ADDITION TO PARA OF PHRASE CONCERNING NEED FOR PREVENTION OF INTERFERENCE BY MNCS IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF HOST COUNTRIES. WHILE NOTING THAT IT FULLY ACCEPTS SUBSTANCE OF THE POINT INVOLVED AND, IN FACT, HAD MOVED AN AMENDMENT IN THIS RESPECT AT MEXICO CITY TO THE DRAFT CHARTER ON ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES, US OPPOSED INSERTION SOVIET LANGUAGE AT THIS POINT, ON GROUNDS, INTER ALIA, IT WOULD GIVE FALSE IMPRESSION OF TOTALITY OF ACTIVITIES OF MNCS. G-77 FIRST ACCEPTED MODIFIED VERSION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL. WHEN THIS STILL OPPOSED, G-77 PRODUCED Milder FORM OF LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD INSERT AFTER REFERENCE TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER THE PHRASE "AND WITH FULL RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES". THIS PHRASE WOULD, OF COURSE, GIVE US NO DIFFICULTY. (D) PREAMBULAR PARA 7: ISSUE OF NATURE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER REMAINS TO BE SOLVED. (E) OPERATIVE PARA 2: G-77 AGREED DELETE "REGULAR AND" THUS MEETING ONE US AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPH. NO AGREEMENT YET ON QUESTION OF PHRASE "REGULATION OF AND CONTROL OVER". JAPANESE PROPOSAL THAT PHRASE BE REPLACED BY "REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF" BEING CONSIDERED BY G-77. (F) OPERATIVE PARA 3: FIRST US AMENDMENT TO THIS PARA ACCEPTED SO THAT RELEVANT PHRASE READS "STATES MEMBERS OF THE UN AND OF THE SAS AND THE IAEA". SOVIET GROUP PUT FORWARD ALL STATES FORMULA ARGUING THAT AGREEMENT REACHED AT 56TH ECOSOC ON ALL STATES FORMULA (WHICH RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE) SET THE GENERAL PRECEDENT FOR USE OF THE FORMULA. OPPOSITION DEVELOPED TO SOVIET AMENDMENT. NOT CLEAR WHETHER SOVIETS WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS IT. US MOVE TO DELETE PHRASE "IF POSSIBLE" FAILED OF ACCEPTANCE AND THIS PHRASE REMAINS. (G) OPERATIVE PARA 5: SOVIETS MOVED ADDITION TO PARA OF "IN WHICH A WIDE AND EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

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OF COUNTRIES AS WELL AS REPRESENTATION OF TRADE UNIONS SHOULD BE ENSURED". THIS AMENDMENT GAVE RISE TO OPPOSITION. WHETHER SOVIETS WILL CONTINUE PRESS THIS PROPOSAL NOT CLEAR. (H) OPERATIVE PARA 6: LENGTHY DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE DURING WHICH VARIOUS GROUP B COUNTRIES SUPPORTED SUBSTANCE OF US AMENDMENT TO HAVE SYG PREPARE A REPORT WITH PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTER FOR SUBMISSION TO INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

G-77 CONTINUED TO HOLD TO THEIR DRAFT. AUSTRALIA PROPOSED THAT SYG BE REQUESTED TO ESTABLISH THE NUCLEUS OF A CENTER FROM WITHIN PRESENT STAFF RESOURCES PENDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE INTER-SESSIONAL COMMITTEE. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF PARA POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT CONTACT GROUP MEETING.

(I) OPERATIVE PARA 7: US MOVE TO REPLACE "DIFFERENT ASPECTS AND" BY PROCEDURAL" WAS DROPPED AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND ASSURANCES FROM G-77 THAT FOCUS OF INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE'S WORK WOULD IN FACT HAVE TO BE ON PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE PREVENTED FROM LOOKING AT WIDER MATERIAL IN EMINENT PERSONS REPORT. (J) OPERATIVE PARA 8: AGREED THAT "IN CONNECTION WITH MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS" BE REPLACED WITH "ON THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS". (K) OPERATIVE PARAS 9 AND 10: ISSUE OF WHETHER THE SIC SHOULD REPORT TO RESUMED 57TH OR THE 58TH SESSION UNRESOLVED. A NUMBER OF GROUP B COUNTRIES OTHER THAN US CARRIED ARGUMENT ON THIS POINT. UK SUGGESTION THAT COUNCIL REVIEW PROGRESS OF THE WORK OF THE SIC AT 57TH RESUMED SESSION AND REACH FINAL DECISIONS NOT LATER THAN ITS 58TH SESSION WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY G-77. ((1) OPERATIVE PARA 11: SUBPARA (II) AGREED TO READ "TO PROMOTE A PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF HOST COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO CONDUCT THEIR RELATIONS WITH MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS", THUS ELIMINATING THE WORDS "TO DEAL".

3. CONTACT GROUP RESUMES MORNING JULY 29. ABRAMS

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